State of South Dakota

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1031

Introduced by: The Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

- 1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to increase the maximum allowable expense for erecting
- 2 certain veteran's grave markers and headstones.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:
- 4 Section 1. That § 33-19-5 be amended to read as follows:
- 5 33-19-5. If a headstone is provided by the United States government for the purpose of
- 6 marking the grave of a veteran who had been a resident of South Dakota for one year preceding
- 7 entrance into military service or preceding death or if a memorial headstone or marker is
- 8 provided by the United States government to commemorate any member of the armed forces
- 9 of the United States dying in the service, whose remains have not been recovered or identified
- or were buried at sea, the veterans' service officer or field officer shall cause the headstone or
- memorial headstone or marker to be erected. The expense of erecting such the headstone or
- memorial headstone or marker shall be paid by the state and may not exceed forty one hundred
- dollars. No payment for such the expense is allowed unless a claim is filed or presented to the
- 14 Division of Veterans Affairs within one year subsequent to the date such the headstone or
- memorial headstone or marker is erected.